

# **How important are Small Businesses to the U.S. Economy?**

## **Small Businesses:**

- **Represent 99.7% of all employer firms**
- **Employ over 50% of all private sector employees**
- **Create 60-80% of annual net new jobs (74% in 2007)**
- **Generate over 50% of nonfarm private GDP**
- **Hire 40% of high tech workers**
- **Are 52% home-based and 2% franchises**
- **Make up 97% of exporters and 29% of export value**
- **Produce 13 times more patents per worker than large firms**

Source: U.S. Small Business Administration; Office of Advocacy